

## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING MILITARY OPERATIONS: OVERCOMING BARRIERS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations continued hearings entitled “Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations: Overcoming Barriers—Part II.” Testimony was heard from Susan Westin, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Joseph Collins, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Stability Operations, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of State: Richard Greene, Principal Deputy Assistant, Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration; and James Kunder, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia and Near East, AID; and public witnesses.

## COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.J. Res. 63, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023.

## PENSION PRESERVATION AND SAVINGS EXPANSION ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1776, Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act of 2003.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 21 through July 26, 2003

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2555, Defense Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and certain nominations, when available.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark

C. Brickell, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 2 p.m., SD–538.

July 23, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the role of the private sector in public transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 23, to hold hearings to examine public interest and localism, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine privacy and digital rights management, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

July 24, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics to examine space commercialization, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* July 22, to hold hearings to examine S. 1314, to expedite procedures for hazardous fuels reduction activities on National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, to improve the health of National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape; to examine the impacts of insects, disease, weather-related damage, and fires on public and private forest lands. Processes for implementing forest health and hazardous fuels reduction projects on public and private lands, and processes for implementing forest health and hazardous fuels reduction projects will also be discussed, 10 a.m., room to be announced.

July 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–366.

July 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold oversight hearings to examine the competitive sourcing effort within the National Park Service, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* July 23, to hold hearings to examine status and prospects for reconstruction relating to Iraq, 2:45 p.m., SD–419.

July 24, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Congo Basin Forest Partnership; to be followed by hearings on the nomination of Donald K. Steinberg, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* July 21, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to

hold hearings to examine the risks and benefits to consumers related to government sponsored enterprises, 2 p.m., SD-342.

July 24, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the past and present of the administration's competitive sourcing initiative, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* July 22, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Head Start, focusing on programs to prepare children to succeed in school and in life, 10 a.m., SD-430.

July 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2003, and the nominations of Daniel Pipes, of Pennsylvania, Charles Edward Horner, of the District of Columbia, and Stephen D. Krasner, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, and Eric S. Dreiband, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine federal biodefense readiness, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* July 23, to hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, H. Brent McKnight, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, and R. David Proctor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine bankruptcy and competition issues in relation to the WorldCom Case, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-226.

July 23, Full Committee, to resume oversight hearings on the federal sentencing guidelines of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 23, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine agricultural consolidation and the Smithfield/Farmland Deal, 4 p.m., SD-226.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 25, Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights, to hold hearings to examine deterrence of alien smuggling and human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* July 22, to hold hearings on pending legislation relating to VA-provided health care services including the following: S. 613, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado, S. 615, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Horsham, Pennsylvania, as the "Victor J. Saracini Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic", S. 1144, to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", S. 1156, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the provision of long-term health care for veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1213, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, S. 1283, to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 1289, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on Aging:* July 22, to hold hearings to examine the consequences of direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs, 10 a.m., SD-628.

## House Chamber

To be announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* July 22, hearing to review Geographical Indications and the World Trade Organization's agricultural negotiations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 23, hearing to review the 2002 Wildlife Season and the Wildfire Threats of the 2003 Season, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 24, hearing to review Tobacco Quota Buyout, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review operations of the Food Stamp Program, 1:30 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* July 21, to consider the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies; and Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, 5 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* July 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Cyber Terrorism: The New Asymmetric Threat, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* July 24, hearing on Economic Effects of Long-Term Federal Obligations, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, July 23, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on Consolidation Loans: What's Best for Past Borrowers, Future Students, and U.S. Taxpayers? 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, July 21, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Regulatory Status of Broadband Services: Information Services, Common Carriage, or Something in Between?" 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "FASB Derivative Accounting Standards," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "'Bump Up' Policy Under Title I of the Clean Air Act," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 382, Solid Waste International Transportation Act of 2003; H.R. 411, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain authorities under an agreement with Canada respecting the importation of municipal solid waste; and H.R. 1730, Solid Waste Interstate Transportation Act of 2003, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Issues Relating to Ephedra—containing Dietary Supplements," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Issues Relating to Ephedra—containing Dietary Supplements," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, July 22, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing and markup of H.R. 1985, FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, July 21, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Is DOD Meeting Strike Fighter (JSF) International Cooperative Program Goals?" 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 22, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2432, Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, joint hearing entitled "Federal Law Enforcement Personnel in the Post 9/11 Era: How Can We Fix and Imbalanced Compensation System?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, to mark up H.R. 2751, GAO Human Capital Reform Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "SEC Strategic Planning—Will Additional Resources Prevent Another ENRON?" 2:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 24, full Committee, oversight hearing entitled "The Thrift Savings Plan: Putting Customers First?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, July 22, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on The United States and the European Union: Understanding the Partnership, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 23, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: H.J. Res. 63, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia," and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands," and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023; H.R. 1813, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2620, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Central Asia: Terrorism, Religious Extremism, and Regional Stability, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 24, full Committee, hearing on Government Accountability: Efforts to Identify and Eliminate Waste and Mismanagement, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, and the Select Committee on Homeland Security, July 22, joint hearing entitled "The Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) and Its Relationship with the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security," 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 22, Subcommittee on the Constitution and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, joint hearing on H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act and Privacy in the Hands of the Government, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, July 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the John Rishel Geothermal Steam Act Amendments of 2003, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 546, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2003; H.R. 2457, Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act; and H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Abandoned Mine Lands Program, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1005, PILT and Refuge Revenue Sharing Permanent Funding Act; H.R. 1723, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2003; H.R. 2707, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; and to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands within the Arapaho and Roosevelt

National Forest in the State of Colorado, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following measures: the Water Supply, Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act; and H.R. 2642, Calfed Bay—Delta Authorization Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, July 22, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2734, Federal Aviation Administration Research and Development Reauthorization Act; H.R. 1085, NASA Flexibility Act of 2003; H.R. 1856, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Amendments Act of 2003; H.R. 2183, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2003; H.R. 2608, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2692, United States Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, July 22, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, hearing on Federal Procurement Policy: Is the Federal Government Failing Certain Industrial Sectors? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 23, full Committee, hearing on Assisting Small Businesses Through the Tax Code—Recent Gains and What Remains to be Done, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 24, to mark up the Small Business Reauthorization and Manufacturing Revitalization Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, July 22, hearing on elimination of waste, fraud and abuse in mandatory transportation programs as required by the fiscal year 2004 budget resolution reconciliation instructions, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 22, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Interim Final Regulations on Part Security, 2 p.m., 2157 Rayburn.

July 23, full Committee, to consider the following: GSA Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs Resolutions and Courthouse Resolutions; Natural Resources Conservation Service Small Watershed Resolution; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Reports; H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, July 24, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on oversight of the Department of Labor's administration of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) under chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, July 24, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on SSA's Service Delivery Plan, 10 a.m., B-2318 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, July 22, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science and Research and Development, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity—Getting It Right," 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, hearing entitled "Best Business Practices in Securing America's Borders," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism hearing entitled "Improvements to Department of Homeland Security Information Sharing Capabilities—Vertical and Horizontal Intelligence Communications," 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: July 24, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics to examine space commercialization, 10 a.m., SH-216.